

Lots of Possibility

A Competition to Redevelop Vacant Lots

Entry Form

Change a Lot. Strengthen a neighborhood. Make it happen now!

OVERVIEW

Through this competition, Louisville Metro Government aims to spur conversation on how vacant lots throughout the city can be transformed from empty and unproductive lots into active and vibrant places. While the vast majority of the vacant lots in our city are privately owned, Metro Government, the Urban Renewal Commission and the Louisville Jefferson County Landbank Authority, Inc. manages over 400 vacant lots that are available for purchase and redevelopment. We invite individuals, teams, corporations, limited partnerships or other legal entities to submit a proposal to transform one (or more, if contiguous) of these publically-held lots into a neighborhood asset.

Louisville Metro Government will offer, at no cost, an eligible vacant lot (via conveying ownership or lease agreements) and seed money for up to four winning proposals. Prize money must be used towards project implementation.

In addition to returning up to four vacant lots to productive use, this competition aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Highlight the potential of vacant lots throughout Louisville;
2. Raise awareness of the available inventory of properties managed by the Landbank Authority; and
3. Generate a portfolio of innovative, replicable ideas to help redevelop vacant lots in the future

COMPETITION ENTRY PROCESS

Competition entries will be judged in two separate rounds. The information collected in this application will be used during the first round to identify six finalists in each of two categories. The competition categories are:

- Category A: Projects that will create a permanent use for the vacant lot (e.g., residential, commercial, institutional/civic, or other use that requires taking ownership of the lot)
- Category B: Projects that are temporary in nature (e.g., do not involve a physical structure that will be difficult to remove; one to two year lease of the vacant lot acceptable)

During the second round, finalists will be asked to prepare a more detailed project proposal, including site plans, a budget implementation plan, and an ongoing maintenance and monitoring plan. Each finalist will also be expected to present their ideas to an audience of judges.

Full project implementation and site maintenance will be critical to the success of the Lots of Possibility competition. Therefore, teams should carefully consider the human, material, and financial resources required when designing projects and securing in-kind support. Successful submissions must demonstrate the commitment and ability to implement the proposed project and maintain the site as proposed. Please see Terms & Conditions for further information.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

You may save this form to your computer, complete it and submit it through the competition website: vapstat.louisvilleky.gov/lotsofpossibility (Adobe Reader required). You may also print it, fill it out and mail it or bring it to:

Department of Community Services and Revitalization
Attn: Dena First
Metro Development Center
444 South Fifth Street, 5th Floor
Louisville, KY 40202

In addition to this entry form, each team may submit the following materials for consideration (online attachments have a max size limit of 10 MB per document):

1. Up to three photos of the existing project site
2. Up to three files of mixed-media to help illustrate the project concept, such as drawings, illustrations, video, PowerPoint slides, etc.

Applications must be submitted online or received at the address listed above no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2014 (office opens at 8:30 a.m.).

I. Project Type and Location

- ☐ Category A: Projects that will create a permanent use for the vacant lot (e.g., residential, commercial, institutional/civic, or other use that requires taking ownership of the lot)
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A list and map of vacant lots eligible for this competition is available online at vapstat.louisvilleky.gov/lotsofpossibility. Please note that only properties on the list will be considered eligible for this competition.

Address of Lot for proposed project:

Why was this lot chosen for your project proposal?

II. General Information

I am submitting this entry as a(n): ☐ Individual ☐ Team

Each applicant must designate a main point of contact for communication with Metro Government.

Main Contact Person (Team Leader):

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Name	Organization/Company (if applicable)		
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Address	City	State	Zip
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Phone Number	Email		

Additional team members (please use extra sheets as necessary):

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III. Project Description

Please provide a written description of the project that you wish to implement on the vacant lot. Keep in mind that the judging panel will be looking for projects that are implementable and that are **innovative, sustainable, replicable and/or provide a neighborhood benefit**. This description should include reference to how the proposed project will be financed, managed and maintained. Successful applicants will become completely responsible for maintaining the lot during the time that it is leased or after the property is conveyed to a new owner or entity. Maximum of 750 words total.

Project Description (continued from previous page)

Please identify community-based organizations you plan to partner with, if any.

What specific skill sets or background experience on the project team will support the implementation of this project?

Please identify projected completion dates for important implementation steps, including start date and finish date.

What is the estimated project budget?

If additional funding sources in addition to the competition prize are needed, what are the likely source(s) of those funds?

Please list additional supporting documents/media files/etc. submitted with this application.

Acknowledgement of Lots of Possibility Terms & Conditions

Each applicant acknowledges that they have read and agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions for the Lots of Possibility Competition. Each applicant has met all the eligibility requirements and has complied and will comply fully with all the competition rules as set forth in the Lots of Possibility Competition Terms and Conditions. Applicant(s) have committed no fraud or deception in entering the competition.

Please Note: This document must be physically signed, scanned and attached to online submittals, mailed or delivered together with the entry form.

TEAM LEADER:

Participant Name (Printed)_____

Signature_____ Date_____

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS (if your team has more than 7 members, please print an additional Acknowledgment form and have all members sign):

Participant Name (Printed)_____

Signature_____ Date_____

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